



Maine Wilderness Guides Organization  
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Jim Beyer, Bureau of Land Resources  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
106 Hogan Road Suite 6  
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Mr. Beyer:

The Maine Wilderness Guides Organization requests to intervene in the proposal by the Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") for a Site Location of Development Act permit and Natural Resources Protection Act permit for the construction of the New England Clean Energy Connect ("NECEC"), an electric transmission line from the border with Quebec in Beattie Township to Lewiston.

The Maine Wilderness Guides Organization (MWGO) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a unified voice for the profession of wilderness guiding while maintaining the highest professional, educational, and stewardship standards, for the conservation of remote woods and waters. We have approximately 100 members including members who guide in the forests, rivers, streams, and lakes that will be affected by this proposal.

We are concerned about the impacts this proposal will have on the wildlife that our clients hunt and fish for, and seek out for wildlife watching. We are concerned about the impacts of the clearing and line construction on the habitat of the streams and rivers, particularly the Kennebec Gorge and the many brook trout streams. We are concerned about the potential impacts to deer wintering areas. We are concerned about the scenic impact of the line on the recreational use and enjoyment of the area by our clients. We are concerned about the adverse economic impacts this proposal could have on our guiding businesses.

We are prepared and capable of participating in the hearing to speak further about these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Nick Leadley, President  
Maine Wilderness Guides Organization

